



The Sea

"In every object here I see
Something, my heart, that speaks of Thee.
Hard as the rock that bounds the strand
Unfruitful as the barren sand;
Deep and deceitful as the ocean
And like the tides in constant motion.

"In every object here I see
Something, my Lord, that speaks of Thee
Firm as a rock Thy promise stands,
Thy mercies countless as the sands;
Thy love a sea immensely wide,
Thy grace as everflowing tide."

—John Newton.

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Current Signs

A DIGEST OF CURRENT EVENTS BY ALBERT J. LEBECK

The Flying Bomb

The German Robot Bomb, just introduced into this war, is a forerunner of the flying bomb proposed by Dr. Lee De Forest in 1940. In the December issue, 1940, it was reported in this column that Dr. Lee De Forest proposed a robot bombing plane, literally a flying bomb with a mechanical eye for seeking out its target and which could be built for ten thousand dollars.

He stated, "In flight such a plane would be steered and operated by radio from a control plane that could remain as far as ten miles away. The flying bomb would contain in its fuselage a television transmitter and a radio-command receiver. Using the information relayed to him from the robot plane's television set, the pilot of the control plane would be able to steer the robot directly over the target and dive into the target."

Future Robots

It doesn't require a great deal of imagination to see the potential possibilities of these robot bombs. If it passes through the same rapid development as aviation since the last war, we can readily realize that it will evolve into a powerful weapon for destruction.

Unlimited Barrage

Guns are limited to a range of 20 or 30 miles and to eighteen inch shells weighing a ton, but by the means of the robot bomb a barrage of a thousand robot planes could be sent in an hour, each weighing ten to a hundred tons and sent half-way around the world.

Uranium Bomb

We have powerful explosives, but nothing compared to what is being developed. John T. O'Neill, president of the National Association of Science Writers, stated, that a ten-pound uranium bomb would blast a hole twenty-five miles in diameter and wreck every structure within a hundred miles. We cannot imagine what a flying robot carrying a few tons of this uranium would do. It would produce an arti-

ficial earthquake, destroying everything for hundreds of miles around.

Sudden Destruction

An enemy sending over a thousand of these infernal machines could in one hour destroy the entire country of the enemy without a man leaving his territory.

Third World War

It seems from all the reports received, that plans are not clear cut for a permanent peace, and that we are even now laying the foundation for a third world war. We may be able to destroy our enemies, but we cannot disarm our allies of today. But will they be our allies of tomorrow?

Christ Coming

When one contemplates these possibilities, it makes one shudder and wish for the speedy coming of our blessed Lord to end man's inhumanity to man. Our only hope is in the Prince of Peace, who is the only one that can bring permanent peace.

Spare Parts Bank

If medical progress continues at the present rate, the day may not be far away, when doctors will draw on a spare-parts bank, for the body.

Blood banks are here. Chicago has a nerve bank. New York an eye bank. Army doctors use vein banks in combat zones, and skin banks are on the way. The hope is that some day every large hospital in the country will have its own spare-parts storage vaults.

Replacing the eye's outer transparent membrane, the cornea, is no longer the miracle operation it once was. In Manhattan 20 hospitals now collect corneas and send them to the "central clearing house" at the New York hospital!

Replacing whole organs of the body—a liver, an eye, a spleen, or an ear—may be impossible at the moment, but miracles lie ahead. Modern military surgery in the stress of battle is learning many new skills.

Already battle surgery has produced the "vein bank" by which Army surgeons

are mending the great arteries of the body with the aid of metallic "pipes."

There is one sure thing that in the resurrection all the missing parts will be supplied.

The Bible in the School

When the children return to the rural schools of Missouri this autumn, a large percentage of them will find a brand new Gideon Bible in their school room. The man responsible for this good work is Brother M. L. Grable, Superintendent of our Sunday School Department at the Gospel Publishing House. Brother Grable is Bible Secretary of the Missouri Gideons. He has placed 4,000 Gideon Bibles in rural schools this summer at the request of the teachers and superintendents.

Mail for Prisoners of War

According to *Watchman-Examiner*, it takes a staff of 5,200 workers to handle the mail that passes through the Central Information Bureau for Prisoners of War at Geneva, Switzerland. More than three million pieces of mail pass to and from the prisoners every month. This sounds like a great deal but when one considers the large number of prisoners on both sides one wishes it were greater. Letters mean so much to the lonely men.

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The Power of Influence

by LELAND R. KEYS

Rom. 14:7—"For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself."

Have you ever stood on the bank of a small lake and tossed a pebble into the middle of it? Do you remember the circles of waves that were set in motion? Perhaps you watched the waves as their circle enlarged until after spreading over

the face of the water they lapped at the shore of the lake. It may have taken several minutes for this action to occur, but occur it did. Something had been set in motion in the middle of the lake that finally registered on its shore. Or, have you ever seen a child line up all his dominoes and then push the one nearest him, that one in turn pushing the one next to it and so on until every domino had been affected and toppled over as a result of that initial movement on the first domino? Both of these pictures illustrate the fact that "none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself." Our lives bear an influence either for good or evil every day we live. Our lives affect others. There is no such thing as an "independent" person.

Man is what he is today largely as the result of what he is biologically plus the environmental influences that have been thrown about him from birth to the present moment. All reputable scholars are agreed that of the two influences, namely, heredity and environment, the latter plays by far the greater part in the life of man. There are many environmental influences that bear upon our lives but we shall consider only three, i.e., (1) What we read, (2) What we hear, and (3) Our associates.

Influence of Reading

That man is greatly influenced by what he *reads* there is no question. Benjamin Franklin is reported to have stated that Mather's "Essays to do Good" affected all the principal events of his life. Dr. Samuel Johnson testified that he became a Christian through

reading Law's "Serious Call." Robert Murray McCheyne gained incalculable inspiration through reading Edward's "Freedom of the Will." John Wesley was tremendously affected and finally led to his heart-warming experience of the New Birth through reading, in addition to the sacred Scriptures, Luther's "Preface to Romans," Thomas aKempis, Mr. Law's "Christian Perfection," and "Serious Call." Sir Robertson Nicoll once said that he knew six men who attributed their choice of the foreign mission field to the reading of the life of Henry Martyn. Many others who have given their lives to the foreign field have been greatly influenced in doing so by reading the lives of the great missionaries of the cross of Christ who have served in the uttermost parts of the world.

Over a hundred years ago William McGuffey prepared a series of six readers to be used in the public schools of the United States. This man, who was a six hundred-dollar a year school teacher and also a Presbyterian minister who preached freely for small congregations too poor to pay his salary, well knew that school books greatly influence a nation's thought. In his readers he shaped the minds of American youth along the lines of truth, honesty, fair dealing, initiative, invention, and self-reliance,—typically American concepts. Those who are old enough to remember the McGuffey Readers will confirm the fact that their simple philosophy of right living played a big part in instilling into their young and impressionable minds the fundamentals of right living. No one doubts the power and influence of what one reads in the formation of character. Cheap, shoddy reading will produce shoddy characters.

Influence of Hearing

Man is influenced by what he *hears*. John Wesley was moved toward Christ through hearing the words of the sacred oratorio, "Out of the Deep Have I Cried Unto Thee, O Lord." Charles G. Spurgeon was won for the Lord by listening to a lay member of the church preach from the text, "Look unto me and be ye saved, all ye ends of the earth." Most of us today were saved

through hearing the preaching of the Word of God. In the realm of music, cheap music (?) will produce cheap character. Much so-called music of the present day is nothing more than the rythmn of jungle tribes played upon modern instruments. It tears down; it does not build up.

Influence of Associates

One of the greatest influences upon man is his *associates*. There can be no question about this. It is trite to say that man becomes like the company he keeps, but it is true. Can anyone doubt the influence for good upon Timothy of his mother and his grandmother? Paul writes, "I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also." Think, if you will, of the influence for good in the life of Dwight L. Moody of his Sunday School teacher, who won Moody for God at the age of seventeen. John Wesley was led to see the truth more perfectly through his association with the Moravian Brethren while on shipboard. I heard of an elevator boy who was won for Christ by the great Dr. George W. Truett as he was being taken up to his room.

I know of a San Francisco business man, who is being won for Christ by one of the members of the Temple staff, who, in addition to talking business is also talking Christ. I once heard a great minister, pastor of a large Chicago church tell this story. He had contacted a Chicago banker with the claims of Jesus Christ upon his life. Apparently he had not made much headway. Summer came and the banker was invited to the Rocky Mountains with this preacher to spend his vacation there and fish for trout. One night while the two men sat about the camp fire, in communion with nature and with each other, the banker pulled his pipe out of his mouth, knocked the ashes out on the heel of his shoe, and said to his preacher companion, "You win." "What do you mean, I win?" asked the preacher. "I have been watching your life," said the Chicago banker, "and I know that you have

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BEWARE

by R. H. Moon

(Continued from June Issue)

Someone has said that "error is truth out of balance." Prov. 11:1. How true this is when applied to the balance which should exist between gifts and fruit in the believer's life. Bear down too hard on the gifts side of the scales and the balance is destroyed, and one is apt to err along the lines of strange and wild fire. But on the contrary, bear down too hard on the side of fruit, and just so surely will the balance again be disturbed, and the believer is then liable to err on the side of conservatism. His fruit will then become dry, spongy and juiceless. However, let a proper balance be preserved, then error is kept out, and we shall have God's ideal of the New Testament Christian and assembly.

A gift is a finished transaction. The essence of a gift is that the giver relinquishes all control over the thing given. In the proportion that the giver retains control over the gift it remains a loan and ceases to be a gift. With a gift all title and claim to the gift is gone forever. The one who receives the gift is then free to do with it as he will. This rule holds good in the bestowal of spiritual gifts. When God gives a gift of the Spirit, He relinquishes all control over it. It then becomes ours absolutely, and we may then do with it as we please (1 Sam. 15:29; Rom. 11:29; 1 Cor. 14:32; 1 John 2:27). At times God even bestows His gifts upon the rebellious among men (Psa. 68:18). But a true child of God, and a true follower of our blessed Pentecostal message, will immediately do with the gifts what he should do with all His possessions—give it back to God, and thenceforth yield it to the Spirit's control. In Acts 4:32 they were in possession of their goods, yet they held them as if they were not their own. Likewise, possession of spiritual gifts has been given to us, but shall we not hold them for God as if they were not our own? Because some have failed to do this, we have excesses in Pentecost today the same as they had in the Corinthian church of Paul's day. Paul never questions the genuineness of the Corinthian gifts, but he does question their use. They used the gifts according to the movings of

their own spirit rather than yielding them to the Spirit of God and permitting Him to use His gifts as He pleases.

Herein is another thing hard to be understood. How can the Spirit of God within a believer be so subject to the believer as to be under the believer's control? The word clearly teaches that the Spirit may be resisted by the human spirit (Acts 7:51), blasphemed (Mark 3:29), vexed (Isa. 63:10), grieved (Eph. 4:30), quenched (1 Thess. 5:19), lied to (Acts 5:3), received (John 20:22), limited (Psa. 78:41), sowed to (Gal. 6:8), neglected (1 Tim. 4:14), walked in (Gal 5:16), filled (Eph. 5:18), dwell (Rom. 8:11), and be renewed (Titus 3:5). All of which shows the Spirit of God in cooperation with the human spirit, and the control exercised by the human spirit over the Holy Spirit. Moreover 1 Cor. 14:32 expressly states that "the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets."

There is danger of considering the use of gifts and manifestations, under whatever time or circumstances they may appear, as being directly inspired of the Holy Spirit, and because of this given right of way over everything else. At times they may even be clothed with infallibility by the believer. But such is not always true; in fact, quite the opposite may be true. It can be possible for the human spirit to be in control instead of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit never robs the believer of his self-control. He always moves in and through the believer in cooperation with the believer's will. Never does He take things into His own hands, and arbitrarily set aside the will of the believer. Within the providence of his own life the believer is sovereign. The Spirit never interferes with that sovereignty, except at the will of the believer. This is clearly taught all the way through the fourteenth chapter of first Corinthians. The mesmerist may take control of his subject against his will, but there is no such thing as spiritual mesmerism.

With the "fruit of the Spirit," however, the relation of the believer to the Spirit is quite the opposite. The gift is relinquished by God, but the fruit is produced only by abiding in God (John

15:4-5). It is impossible to bear fruit without constant, vital, living union with the vine on the part of the branch. The very life of the fruit depends upon the life of the vine. It is the sap of the vine flowing through the branch that produces fruit. It is the Spirit of Christ in the vine flowing through the believer, the branch, which produces the "fruit of the Spirit." *The proper exercise therefore of Spiritual gifts is in yieldedness, and the proper development of fruit is in abiding.*

The gifts are the weapons of our warfare (2 Cor. 10:4). No government would be so foolish as to require its soldiers to equip themselves, neither does God send us to warfare at our own charges. Hence, in this warfare against sin and Satan, the Spirit has provided us with these spiritual weapons. By the word of wisdom and the word of knowledge we fight ignorance, one of the chiefest of Satan's tools. By the gift of faith we fight the good fight of faith. By the gifts of healing we fight disease. By the gift of miracles we fight the lying wonders of the devil. By the gift of prophecy we unmask the delusions of Satan. By the discerning of spirits we expose lying spirits. In tongues we have the code language whereby the Spirit on earth may communicate with the throne in Heaven in the warfare He is waging against the enemy.

Because these are the weapons of our warfare it may be seen why a babe in Christ, who before had been a rough, ignorant, uncouth sinner may immediately receive one or more of the gifts. He has a tremendous fight on his hands and needs these gifts to ward off the enemy. Being ignorant of spiritual things, and having many of his old habits still clinging to him, he sometimes makes mistakes in the use of spiritual gifts, which to those who are older in the faith, may seem crude, and at times even sinful, but give the fruit time to develop in this man, and these crudities will disappear.

As Pastor Donald Gee states it, "gifts can appear suddenly, and the very moment and circumstances of their bestowal can be vividly recalled. Not so of the fruit of the Spirit; it imperceptibly develops in the character, and its increasing manifestation is probably unconscious to the believer himself. Others see it first. It is reserved as one of the

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Notes From Elder Vogler's Message

at the Dedication of Burlingame Church

(As reported by Mrs. R. J. Thurmond)

Jacob had a wonderful experience when he slept with a stone for a pillow, at the place he later called Bethel, and dreamed of the angels ascending and descending the ladder to heaven. (The angels going up the ladder were on the night shift and those coming down were on the day shift.) The times to get revelations are when you are sleeping on a stone—going through the hard places. Few people get revelations sleeping on Beautyrest mattresses. Jacob was at the gate of heaven. This church (the Burlingame Assembly) is a place of "holiness unto the Lord"—a gate to heaven for the sinner seeking salvation, for the sick and afflicted seeking healing, for all seeking peace and rest.

Brother Vogler started with the Assemblies of God 30 years ago when there were not many churches and not many preachers but those few were filled with zeal and believed God was with them. God gave the message of Pentecost for this time and it must be delivered in the power of the Holy Ghost. He said: "I believe the Holy Ghost will give you the words you need in the self-same hour." In God's time, the Holy Ghost was sent from heaven and fell in many places. One man said: "I'll give this movement three months to blow over." It blew over the whole world in a short time. There was plenty of persecution, but whenever things come too easy the blessings of the Lord are lost. The Assembly ministers in those days were trail-blazers, but there is a danger of our movement getting away from the pioneer spirit in this generation.

In the midst of perilous times God has brought this Pentecostal movement into existence and many times the Assembly church is the only church in the community open for worship. From a small beginning this movement grew and grew. The "Pentecostal baby" was put on the doorstep of the Church but the Church did not open the door to take it in. However, many individuals did open their heart's door and God gathered these in from all denominations. They had great zeal—not always according to knowledge, but they went to the

street corners, to the jails, and everywhere, telling the glad story of the blessings of God. God brought the Assemblies of God together as a channel to bless the home and foreign field.

The school and publishing house at Springfield were built, and in 1920 there were only 20 employees. Now there are 200. Last year \$50,000 was spent for postage alone on the many publications sent out. We have the second largest religious paper in the country—*The Evangel*—which is also the most spiritual religious paper, and 111,000 copies are now being printed each week. There are 49,000 Sunday School teachers using lessons printed at the publishing house and one-half million children are being taught from these lessons. The publishing house gives back 20 per cent of the profits made from this literature to the districts for pioneer home missions work, 15 per cent goes to the Home Missions Department, 15 per cent to the Foreign Missions Department and 30 per cent takes care of the expenses. The districts have received \$113,000 in the last five years for pioneer home missions work.

An average of one church every day has been affiliated with the Assemblies of God in the last four years with 150 to spare, or a total of 1610 churches.

A missionary church is a live church and a missionary movement is a live movement. In 1939 for a two-year period, \$874,000 came in for foreign missions, the next two years, \$1,203,000, and the next two years \$1,634,000. This month ends this fiscal year, and Brother Vogler stated he felt certain that at least \$1,000,000 had already come in for missions and that \$5,000,000 was expected before next General Council.

Eight hundred chaplains of all denominations, Catholics included, are being supplied with literature for the service men free of charge, and 6,000,000 copies of *Reveille* have gone out to service men. Many chaplains say *Reveille* is the best paper printed for the service men. Now is the time to give out the gospel to the service men, while they need it, and there are 75,000 Assembly of God boys in the service who need ministering to. The boys will

not feel the need of the gospel or have time for it when the armistice comes. Homesick boys are easy to reach now. The Assemblies of God rank third in giving to the American Bible Society, and is the main evangelistic movement in the world today.

God does not hold Himself responsible to save the world. God holds Himself responsible for only two things: (1) a perfect plan of redemption which He planned the day man sinned, and (2) He provided a plan to tell man of His plan of redemption, and that is why we have this church and many others and why we are calling for 500 new missionaries for the foreign field. Jesus meant what He said when He stated: "Go first to Jerusalem, then to Judea, and then to the uttermost parts of the world." We must not say we have plenty of time. "Say not ye, there are yet four months, and then cometh the harvest. Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest."

Don't be too late with too little!

A Radio Parable

Behold, a sower went forth to sow (Matt. 13:3). At the head of the list in this chapter of parables is the parable of the sower. To modernize it into a form that is not nearly as beautiful, we might say: "Behold, a broadcaster was speaking forth the words of eternal life. Some, as soon as he began, turned off the radio. Others listened, but when they found that to understand him would require real mental effort, and to apply him to life would require sacrifice, they, too, turned off the radio, or shifted to another wave length. Some kept their radio on, until the whole speech was finished, but in the meantime they looked over the evening paper and commented now and then upon the sporting news and the market reports, so that at the end they had really no deep understanding of what was said. Others listened intently, meditated on what they had heard, applied it to life, and were transformed."

—From the *Christian Advocate*.

In Job, man had been taught to know himself; in Psalms, he is taught to know the Lord.

News From Here and There

By ALBERT J. LEBECK, Field Reporter :: 2622 W Street :: Sacramento, California

BERKELEY—Evangelists Clarence Smith and Oscar Rogers held a good meeting for Pastor Eleanor Johnson in June, closing the Sunday before Council meeting.

BURLINGAME—The formal dedication of the newly acquired building was held at the time of the Peninsula District fellowship meeting held there July 10. Brother Fred Vogler from Springfield, Missouri, was the main speaker. The dedication service was conducted by Superintendent R. J. Thurmund. The ladies of the church served a fine luncheon between the services. Pastor Albert Pickthorn and members and friends of the congregation have worked hard in remodeling the interior since they took over the building a short time ago. We rejoice with them in the fine place of worship they have, and pray that many souls will be won and blessed there.

COLFAX—S. Oren is the new pastor there.

COVELO—Paul Keeth has resigned as pastor.

FAIRFIELD—Evangelist Walter Smith held a 10-day meeting for Pastor Carl R. Tucker recently.

MODESTO (Bethel Church)—Sunday, July 13, was an outstanding day at the church. On that day the newly acquired electric organ was dedicated, together with the chimes and electric Vibra-Harp. Lorin Whitney, organist on the "Haven of Rest" program was present at both morning and evening services to play the instrument, and Brother Thomas G. Jackson was there to sing at both services. The day of very fine music was of special blessing and enjoyment to all who attended. D. G. Weston is the pastor.

MT. SHASTA—Wm. P. Carpenter has taken the pastorate there.

NEVADA CITY—The Nevada City and Grass Valley churches held a joint service there May 29 with Chaplain J. K. McConchie, now overseas, as their speaker. W. A. McBride is the Grass Valley pastor. The pastor of Nevada City church is W. P. Steelberg.

NORTH SACRAMENTO (Friendly Church)—Pastor Forrest A. Murray has resigned from the work there.

NORTH SACRAMENTO (Faith Tabernacle) Evangelist Jack White held a revival meeting recently for Pastor Richard Fulmer.

OAKLAND (First Pentecostal)—C. F. Ferguson, formerly of the Rocky Mountain District, was made the new pastor at a business meeting conducted July 18.

OAKLAND (Temple Church)—Evangelist Amelia Joseph, from the East Coast, began a meeting for Pastor E. Wm. Anderson July 18. At time of writing the services are being held in the City Club Theater.

PETALUMA—Evangelists Smith and Rogers held a meeting there for Pastor T. B. Don Carlos in July. A goodly number were at the altar for salvation, and many received the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

PITTSBURG—Pastor C. E. Freeze reports a very good fellowship meeting held there July 10. Brother T. B. Don Carlos was the evening speaker.

REDDING—Pastor M. H. Luce of Auburn held a two-week Junior Bible meeting for Pastor R. T. Doherty. The meetings started July 16.

RIO DELL—Pastor H. C. Lafferty reports: "We are well pleased with the progress of the work here. We have been going three months now and we have seen God's power here in the good old-fashioned way. We have just recently had a revival meeting with Brother Stovall as evangelist. Surely God did pour out His Spirit on us all. We have had 31 in Sunday School, and a very good attendance in our regular services."

The Redwood District fellowship meeting was held at Rio Dell on July 10. Brother Miller brought the afternoon message, and Evangelist Stovall was the evening speaker.

SACRAMENTO (Bethel Temple)—On Sunday, July 9, the people were happy to have as guest speaker, W. R. Steelberg, former pastor. Brother Fred Vogler was the speaker for the morning and evening services July 16.

SALIDA—Pastor Jesse A. Moore resigned to go to the Rocky Mountain District. Brother Ora Joe Laffoon is the new pastor.

SALYER—David T. Thompson is the new pastor, taking over the work there shortly after Council meeting.

SAN FRANCISCO (Glad Tidings)—Evangelist Esther May Cooper has been holding a good meeting there beginning July 9.

SAN JOSE (Upper Room Mission)—Under date of July 14, Pastor Max Freimark writes: "We are in the midst of a glorious revival with Evangelist Walter H. Smith. This is . . . a real revival. After five weeks of meetings, it seems that the intensity of God's power and working is on the increase. Souls are being saved and baptized continually in the good old-fashioned way. Many are testifying to miraculous healings, and the end is not yet. This is the more wonderful as during this time of the year many of our people are working in orchards and canneries. We give God all the glory."

SANTA ROSA—The North Bay District fellowship meeting was held there July 17. A blessed day of fellowship and blessing was enjoyed by the good crowd that attended, as well as the delicious dinner served between the afternoon and evening services. Brother Joseph Harper brought the morning message. In the afternoon, Evangelist Amelia Joseph was the speaker. And the evening speaker was Pastor E. J. Cornwall of Vallejo. The blessing of the Lord was upon all the services. M. P. Bohnet is the pastor. At the close of the evening service, a C. A. business meeting was held, at which time Pastor T. J. Custock of Vallejo was elected sectional chairman.

SEASIDE—Evangelist Z. P. Miller held a revival recently for Pastor Chas. Coffey.

TRINIDAD—Reporting good meetings held there, Pastor Jas. C. Merwin writes: "Sister Esther Mae Cooper held us a two-week meeting from June 13 to June 26. Her ministry of song and music and the preached Word of God was a real lift and blessing to all the saints. Sister Ruth McPherson of Lodi came to assist her."

TUOLUMNE—Brother Lester McDonald of Ceres held a good meeting for Pastor Harry Oeth in June. A number were saved and three were filled with the Spirit.

UPPER LAKE—Sister Grace V. Badder is the new pastor there.

Personal Mention

Sister GERTRUDE V. JONES held a very good revival campaign for pastor C. G. Olson, Rice, Washington. The pastor reports eight baptized with the Holy Spirit, and a goodly number at the altar for salvation.

Evangelist WM. D. SWANSON held a revival meeting in July at the First Assembly of God Church in Memphis, Tenn. The meetings began July 9.

Brother JOHN NICOLICH is enjoying the blessing of the Lord upon his work in Puerto Rico. Many are being saved, many healed by the power of God, and many baptized with the Spirit.

Sister KATHRYN WESTON is recuperating from a heart attack suffered in Eureka in June.

New Arrivals

Pastor and Mrs. Albert A White of Galt have a new daughter, Alberta Ruth, who arrived July 12.

Sylvia Dawn has joined the Pipkin evangelistic party. She arrived July 23, weighing 7 lbs. 9 ozs. Her parents, Evangelist and Mrs. Paul H. Pipkin will mostly benefit by her solos for the present.

Sectional Camp Meeting

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Pastor C. F. Rowe

STUDIES IN DANIEL

By J. NARVER GORTNER

STUDY IV

The Mental Madness of Nebuchadnezzar and the Resultant Conversion of the King.

(Continued from June Issue)

The sentence of this Court pronounced upon Nebuchadnezzar was duly executed. The judgments of God are penal and remedial. Where there is repentance as a result of divine judgment the effect is salutary. Mark what we read here.

1. He lifted up his eyes unto heaven. He remembered at the end of the seven years when his reason began to return to him that the judgment had come upon him because he had ignored God and had taken unto himself glory that was not his.

2. His understanding returned. Here is proof that during the seven years he was without it. He had imagined that he was a beast of the field, the disease being known to modern science as *lycanthropy*. Individuals afflicted with this form of mental madness imagine that they are beasts. Greek and Roman writers have told us of many such cases. Nebuchadnezzar believed that he was a bull. And this can be easily accounted for. His kingdom extended into India, and there in some unexplained way the sacred bull was identified with the chief Zend deity, Ahura Mazda, who was regarded as the author of all good, physical and moral. It is a well-known fact that the sacred bull of India became engrafted into the Chaldean mythology, and since Ahura Mazda was regarded as the author of all good, and the sacred bull was identified with this deity, and Nebuchadnezzar in his pride looked upon himself as the one who had built great Babylon and who was now the undisputed master of the world, it is not surprising that his insanity took this form, and he imagined himself to be a bull. It is likely that, at the same time, he was conscious of his identity as Nebuchadnezzar, and this fact must have greatly aggravated his mental torture. How glad he must have been when his understanding returned!

3. He blessed the Most High, and praised and honored Him that liveth forever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion and whose kingdom is

from generation to generation.

4. He was restored unto his throne, and excellent majesty was added unto him. Daniel knew that his madness was to be for a season only, that at the end of seven years his reason would be restored, and so it is likely that the affairs of state were administered without appointing a successor. Daniel may have had a large part in it. As soon as the reason of the king was restored his counsellors and lords sought unto him, and he was established in his kingdom. He did not live long after his restoration, but the closing years of his reign appear to have been spent in a halo of glory.

5. He appears to have been genuinely converted, and we shall probably see his face among the glorified saints of the heavenly world when we reach the glory. This is the very last glimpse we are afforded of Nebuchadnezzar, and the very last words we hear of his speaking or writing are these: "Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honor the King of heaven, all whose works are truth, and His ways judgment: and those that walk in pride He is able to abase."

What a marvelous achievement of divine grace was the conversion of Nebuchadnezzar! It would seem that if anybody on the face of the earth was beyond the reach of the grace of God that man was Nebuchadnezzar. We sometimes speak of the conversion of Jerry McAuley, and say, "What an achievement of divine grace!" and it was such an achievement. We sometimes speak of the conversion of the penitent thief upon the cross, that thief who was upon the very verge of hell, and was about to drop in, but whose soul was laid hold of at almost the last moment, and, being snatched out of the jaws of death was transported to Paradise—we sometimes speak of him, and say, "What an achievement of divine grace!" But how rarely have we spoken, if indeed we have spoken at all, of the marvelous achievement of divine grace in saving Nebuchadnezzar who had been one of the worst tyrants of human history, and who, although there have

been many who have attempted to palliate his guilt and excuse his crimes and some who have even pointed him out as a noble-minded king, deserving commendation rather than condemnation, was guilty of wholesale murder, placing himself in the same category in which were afterwards placed Genghis Khan, Tamerlane and Bajazet, styled by Voltaire as "mercenary murderers." The conversion of Nebuchadnezzar was indeed a marvelous achievement of divine grace. A wife said to me one day, "There is no hope for my husband; he will never be saved; he is too far away; he is too far gone." O woman, despair not! If God saved Nebuchadnezzar He can save your husband! Is anything too hard for God?

What a hideous thing pride is! What an abomination unto God! If God thus detested it, and thus punished it in a heathen monarch, how He must detest it when He sees it in a child of His! And how likely He is, sooner or later, to visit it with divine chastisement! How important that we fly from it as from a viper! Let us not forget Nebuchadnezzar's last recorded words, "Those that walk in pride He is able to abase."

Consecration

While we choose we are not willing,
Consecration yieldeth all;
Consecration means obedience
To the Spirit's every call.

Meaneth dying, meaneth living,
Death to self and life in God,
Meaneth work or patient waiting
Or submission 'neath the rod.

Meaneth such a full surrender
We shall never dare to ask
Why God gives our faith such testing
Or assigns so hard a task.

We are here to be perfected,
Only God our need can see.
Rarest gems bear hardest grinding
God's own workmanship are we.

—H. W. Brown.

The Capacity to Forgive

Only the noblest characters have the capacity to forgive a wrong. It is a touch of the sublime that the small soul is incapable of reaching. No wrong can truthfully be forgiven until forgotten.

Ministerial Influence

Spurgeon once preached a great sermon on "How Saints may help the devil." He tells this story which may be an admonishment to all us preachers:

There was a young minister once preaching very earnestly in a certain chapel; he had to walk some four or five miles to his home along a country road after service. A young man who had been deeply impressed under the sermon, requested the privilege of walking with the minister, with an earnest hope that he might get an opportunity of telling out his feelings to him, and obtaining some word of guidance or comfort. Instead of that, the young minister all the way along told the most singular tales to those who were with him, causing loud roars of laughter, and even relating tales which bordered upon the indecorous. He stopped at a certain house, and this young man with him, and the whole evening was spent in frivolity and foolish talking. Some years after, when the minister had grown old, he was sent for to the bedside of a dying man. He hastened with a heart desirous to do good. He was requested to sit down at the bedside; and the dying man, looking at him, and regarding him most closely, said to him, "Do you remember preaching in such and such a village on such an occasion?" "I do," said the minister. "I was one of your hearers," said the man, "and I was deeply impressed by the sermon." "Thank God for that," said the minister. "Stop!" said the man, "don't thank God till you have heard the whole story; you will have reason to alter your tone before I have done." The minister changed countenance, but he little guessed what would be the full extent of that man's testimony. Said he, "Sir, do you remember, after you had finished that earnest sermon, I with some others walked home with you? I was sincerely desirous of being led in the right path that night; but I heard you speak in such a strain of levity, and with so much coarseness too, that I went outside the house, while you were sitting down to your evening meal; I stamped my foot upon the ground; I said that you were a liar, that Christianity was a falsehood; that if you could pretend to be so earnest about it in the pulpit, and then come down and talk like that, the whole thing must be a sham; and I have been

an infidel," said he, "a confirmed infidel, from that day to this. But I am not an infidel at this moment; I know better; I am dying, and I am about to be damned; and at the bar of God I will lay my damnation to your charge; my blood is on your head,"—and with a dreadful shriek, and one demoniacal glance at the trembling minister, he shut his eyes and died.

'Tis not a cause of small import
The pastor's care demands;
But what might fill an angel's heart,
And filled a Savior's hands.
They watch for souls for which the Lord
Did heavenly bliss forego;
For souls which must forever live
In raptures or in woe.

—Pentecostal Herald.

Women's Missionary Council Report

The Women's Missionary Council meeting scheduled to be held at Glad Tidings Temple had to be canceled on account of District Council business, but on the previous afternoon the women had gathered in the west wing of the temple and enjoyed the blessings of the Lord upon a time of devotion. Several group leaders told of the wonderful answers to prayer as the mothers and wives of service men have been faithful to gather for prayer, and all agreed upon the necessity of stressing the devotional part of the women's meetings. Mrs. Halleck, president of the Glad Tidings W.M.C. told how the women gather each Sunday evening for a time of prayer and devotion while the C.A.'s and young people's groups are meeting and of the blessings of the Lord as the women take their requests for prayer individually before the Lord.

A number of lovely boxes were packed with sheets and pillow cases, towels, table linens, aprons, pot holders, dish cloths, and towels, wash rags, comforters and many other useful articles for Africa and South America. As we have several more young couples applying for missionary appointments, we must keep the vision before us and have our "Treasure Chests" filled again so we will be able to help them with the great task of providing necessary things for the years of service on the field. It has indeed been a real pleasure to help

Reckoning on the Power of the Lord

I dare to say that it is possible to those who really are willing to reckon on the power of the Lord for keeping and victory, to lead a life in which his promises are taken as they stand and are found to be true.

It is possible to cast all our care upon Him daily and enjoy deep peace in doing it.

It is possible to have the thoughts and imaginations of our hearts purified in the deepest meaning of the Word, through faith.

It is possible by taking complete refuge in divine power to become strong through and through; and where previously our greatest weakness lay, to find that the things which formerly upset all our resolves to be patient or pure or humble, furnish today an opportunity, through Him who loves us, and works in us an agreement with His will and a blessed sense of His presence and His power,—to make sin powerless.

These things are divine possibilities and because they are His work, the true experience of them will always cause us to bow lower at His feet and to learn to thirst and long for more. We cannot possibly be satisfied with anything less than—each day, each hour, each moment in Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit to walk with God.—Bishop H. C. G. Moul.

these of our own district fellowship who are to represent us in foreign lands, and, because we have helped, we will be more likely to remember them in prayer which will be much needed. As was pointed out by one speaker at the meeting, one must see through a telescope by faith in order to see the necessity of making things and having them ready when the call comes in.

A truck load of used clothing was sent to the Indian camp meeting at Hoopa for distribution.

Reports showed that \$154.98 came through the W.M.C. fund during the year and was distributed as needs came in.

On account of Mrs. Gaston's ill health, Mrs. R. J. Thurmond has been appointed to be the Women's Missionary Council Director for the coming year and Mrs. R. E. Cull will be the Secretary-Treasurer as Brother Cull has been appointed chairman of the Home Missions Committee.

District Council News

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Superintendent's Letter

Beloved in Christ Jesus:

It has been a busy time since last report, mostly due to the District Council week, and then a Home Missions trip with Brothers W. T. Gaston, R. E. Cull, and C. E. Persing, up in the Lake-Mendocino and Redwood Districts because of the urgency of plans for the Blue Lake Indian Bible School program. It was a joy and delight to visit the Covelo Indian camp meeting in charge of our Sister Mildred Charles. Both Brother Gaston and I had the opportunity of ministering. Truly the blessings of the Lord are upon the camp. There were three services each day, and souls were at the altar until the wee hours of the morning seeking the Lord. We understand that a good number were saved and others filled with the Holy Ghost throughout the camp meeting.

A definite announcement will be made in the next GLAD TIDINGS about the opening of the Indian Bible School at Blue Lake, which is in charge of Brother B. T. Bard.

It was the privilege of Sister Thurmond and I to attend the farewell service of Brother Floyd Thomas of Tracy, and to enjoy a lovely luncheon in the park. Brother and Sister Thomas have done an excellent work in Tracy, and are held in high esteem by the people. The Lord bless them as they go from us to the mission field of Africa. And may the Lord bless Brother and Sister Ovid Dillingham as the new pastors in Tracy.

Glad Tidings Bible Institute opening was attended by both Brother Gaston and myself, and we were happy to see the good number of students on hand for the opening chapel hour, with promise of more coming. A great work is being done in the lives of men and women, both young and old, in training for the ministry.

The Burlingame church dedication was a real event. At both services we were privileged to have Brother Fred Vogler minister to us; and we surely

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Schedule of Fellowship Meetings

August 1—Cottage Grove
2—Happy Camp
7—Klamath, Westwood
21—Hiway City, Napa
28—Santa Cruz

rejoiced with Pastor and Mrs. A. Pickthorn and the Burlingame saints in the goodness of God in giving them such a lovely church home. A fine dinner was served between services, and was enjoyed by all present.

At this writing it is my hope to get away for a vacation in the next few days, D. V., and to be away a couple of weeks at this time. However, several changes in pastorates have been going on, and I've been endeavoring to help get these settled before going away.

The September GLAD TIDINGS will carry the final news of the changes in the District offices. A committee is endeavoring to find a home for Brother Gaston in Oakland, and trusts to have him settled by September 1 as he then takes over the superintendency. The Secretary-Treasurer's office will be in Oakland also at my present address. The presbyters have sold the home to me as it is too large for Brother and Sister Gaston.

Let us continue to pray and work together for a great spiritual awakening in our midst, and another Pentecostal outpouring. Hallelujah!

The Lord bless you, one and all.

J. R. THURMOND.

Pastors and Members, Write Service Men

Don't neglect writing to men and women of your church who are in the Service. The church must keep in contact with them showing your love and interest and prayers for their safe return.

The following are the standing committees appointed by the Superintendent and approved by the District Presbytery:

Credentials Committee—

L. R. Keys, Chairman
J. W. Belchar
J. N. Gortner
P. E. Radley
R. J. Renfroe
D. G. Weston
L. F. Wilson
T. E. Woods

Home Missions Committee—

R. E. Cull, Chairman
C. E. Persing
R. E. Ray
Wm. Savidge
C. O. Wood

Campground Committee—

M. P. Bohnet, Chairman
H. T. Langley
A. A. Lowe
E. O. Robeck
A. J. Ruedger
R. A. Wilson

Names Removed from District Roll

Membership in General Council lapsed because inactive:

Mrs. Ruby O. Curtis
Mrs. Marianna Franco
V. Harold Gustafson
E. F. Hutka
Matthew B. Moore
A. E. Robeck
C. G. Roberts
Adam L. Ross
Wm. Ta Vares
Bernice E. Warwick

Deceased:

Caroline E. Ellis

Withdrew:

H. L. Marlenee
Iva M. Marlenee

None of our people, so far as is known, have been injured in the catastrophe that struck in Port Chicago, the night of July 17. The Benicia church, of which Brother R. E. Ray is the pastor, suffered damage amounting to several hundred dollars. Damage consisted of broken windows, fallen plaster, etc.

At Port Chicago

Two months ago on May 18, God led me to Port Chicago, a camp filled with colored sailors and a few white sailors. It was, indeed, a fruitful trip. As I approached the camp, I met a Marine guard. I talked to him about the Lord. Someone had dealt with him previously, but he had never decided. However, this day was the deciding time for him; so he gave his heart to the Lord right at the gate.

At the main gate another Marine was doing guard duty. He rang up the Officer of the Day to find out if I could come into the camp. I was given full permission to go through the whole camp. This camp had no regular chaplain, but one goes there occasionally. So I considered this a golden opportunity. Barracks upon barracks were visited, hundreds of tracts and *Reveilles* were given out. I went upstairs and downstairs in the hospital and guard house preaching Christ to these boys. I gave them my testimony of how I used to use my zeal for Satan and the things he offers to us in the world, but that now I am using it in preaching Christ to the Service men. Gambling game after gambling stopped as I talked and the boys listened to me. As I walked along I came to a bench crowded with boys sitting there. Here was a congregation gathered together, just sitting, not doing a thing. I had them all bow their heads as I prayed for them. It seemed as if they were just waiting for someone to come and speak to them. Thank God for the Holy Ghost's leadings: I met a white sailor here, and he gave his heart to the Lord.

Now, on Monday night, at 10:20, there was a great explosion at this camp, and 350 boys were killed, several hundred were wounded. As I heard this, I thanked God that He lead me to this camp. I sowed the seed, and some of those boys have slipped into eternity. I am thankful I did my duty and gave them the plan of salvation.

This explosion was felt 100 miles away.

—VICTOR A. SANDERSON,
Field Representative,

(This work entails much expense, with 20 representatives over the country and the paper *Reveille* costing \$1,100 per week. Send offerings to help to Service Men's Dept., Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Missouri.)

Foreign Missions

Chili—

Brother and Sister Lester Larson report finding the country to which they have gone to carry the gospel message, much like California in the place where they were at the time of writing, about 400 miles south of Santiago, the capital. The trip over the Andes from Argentina was an outstanding experience for them, long to be remembered, but not to be desired for often repetition. They plan on settling in Santiago after the arrival of their household furnishings, and a few weeks spent in language study in the south. The cost of living has increased 243% in that country, so that the price for commodities and service articles seem exorbitant to us, i.e. 50c for a small package of graham crackers, \$4,000 for a second hand dining set, \$30 for a two-burner electric plate. (Maybe we haven't so much to complain about in high prices, after all.)

Brother and Sister Bueno, who sailed at the same time, settled temporarily, until better quarters can be located, have the children in school there, and are going ahead with the work of the Lord.

Peru—

Brother and Sister Jerry Triemstra report a good school year just closed in the Bible School there. Sister Ruth Couchman is in charge of the school, and has been busy teaching throughout the school year. The course has been extended to three years. Many of the school's graduates are busy spreading the gospel to their own people in outlying regions.

Brazil—

Brother and Sister Bernard Johnson are continuing in their travels in the spreading of the gospel in that country. Crowds gather where they hold meetings, and many are being saved. Property is being purchased in Tres Pontas and in Parraguassu on which churches are to be built. Many are asking for baptism in water, and many feeling the need of the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

The gospel is fighting for its life inside the Churches, as well as outside.

There is no way the devil has of getting you to sin if you will keep under the blood.

The Sufficient Bible

When I am tired, the Bible is my bed;
Or in the dark, the Bible is my light;
When I am hungry, it is vital bread;
Or fearful, it is armor for the fight.
When I am sick, 'tis healing medicine;
Or lonely, thronging friends I find
therin.

If I would work, the Bible is my tool;
Or play, it is a harp of happy sound.
If I am ignorant, it is my school;
If I am sinking, it is solid ground.
If I am cold, the Bible is my fire;
And it is wings, if boldly I aspire.

Should I be lost, the Bible is my guide;
Or naked, it is raiment rich and warm.
Am I imprisoned, it is ranges wide;
Or tempest-tossed, a shelter from the
storm.
Would I adventure, 'tis a gallant sea;
Or would I rest, it is a flowery lea.

Does gloom oppress? The Bible is a sun,
Or ugliness? It is a garden fair.
Am I athirst? How cool its currents run!
Or stifled? What a vivifying air!
Since thus thou givest of thyself to me,
How should I give myself, great Book,
to thee! —Carrie T. Burritt

Hell Trembles When Men Kindle For God

It is the fire that prevails. For fifty days the facts of the gospel were complete, but no conversions were recorded. Pentecost registered three thousand souls. It is the Heavenly flame which sets men ablaze which wins souls. Wesley, Whitefield and General Booth wrought wonders by the fire kindled by the Holy Ghost. Men ablaze are invincible. Hell trembles when men kindle. Sin, worldliness, unbelief, hell—are proof against everything but fire. The church is powerless without the fire of the Holy Ghost. Destitute of fire nothing else counts; possessing fire nothing else really matters.

The one vital needs is fire. How we may receive it, how we may find it, by what means we may retain it, are the most vital and urgent questions of our time. One thing we know, it comes only by the presence of the Spirit of the Lord—Himself the Spirit of fire. God alone can send the fire. Let us tarry for it. It is His Pentecostal gift.

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In the South Pacific

by DON STANLEY

(The following is a letter from a Sacramento C.A. now serving with the armed forces in the South Pacific.)

I just received a letter from my sister, and she says that you would like to hear about the marvelous way God has been blessing His own here.

Well, when I arrived here on this island, all we had was jungle and mud. Quite an experience. After a day or so I met a fine Christian boy from New Zealand. Bruce K. Randal is his name. He is one of the best Christians I have ever met. We became fast friends soon, and decided to hold a Bible class the next night. We did, and there were six present.

The next day Bruce and I thought we would look for a better meeting place because the other was in the wet brush. We walked about 50 yards, and came into a cave in the coral rock; not exactly a cave because it opens at the top, all along, but it is 20 feet deep and about 50 feet long. We were sure it would be a grand spot for a meeting place; so we knelt and asked God what He would have us do. We were so glad that at once we started to build a roof and to clear the ground. The next night we had a meeting, and there were 21 present. Our hopes rose, naturally, so everyone decided to make a church in it. Seats were given us from the trucks. We put 10 benches in; made a pulpit—rugged, but O.K., and Sunday we held another service. The attendance after a few weeks grew to 75 and 80; so we did rejoice at the interest and hunger the boys had.

We started having a prayer meeting for Tuesday nights, and Bible class for Thursday nights, and regular church on Sunday nights. That was six months ago, and is still going strong. But it isn't the attendance that thrills me as much as the presence of the Lord, and the beauty of the chapel. Souls were saved soon after the church was started.

At first we used gas lanterns and candles, hid in the crevices of the rock, for light, but after two months we got electric lights, three of them, and a new roof, mosquito netting in back of the pulpit and around the entrance, and many new members. I believe that this is one of the many little churches the Lord intends to have in the South Pacific.

We are thrilled at the number of Christians, really born again, here on this island. Several have preached as evangelists; about five intend to go into the ministry. One boy is called to China. Five of us have the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

From May 27 to June 7 we held a revival, services every night. Every night a different person spoke. You see, we feel that there is no particular one in charge of the church. Yes, we have a board of trustees, so to speak, but the best results have been from having no person in charge. We pray about who is to speak; and when he is chosen, we hold him up in prayer. The revival was a great success. Every night a good crowd came. I think four were saved that week. Four or more testified that God had saved them through His little church.

It is remarkable how the different denominations get along. We have no friction at all. We try not to uphold any particular church. At the door of the chapel is a sign. "We preach Christ Crucified." We have several signs, and they help bring them in. One chaplain has been a help to us. He preached there one night during the revival.

The electric lights give the rock a beautiful color—pink, purple, yellow, etc.

One night an army major came, and during the testimony service he stood up and praised God for this church. He said he never expected anything like this in the South Pacific. The men are anxious to testify. Sometimes 30 men testify in one service.

The Lord has provided everything we need including transportation to and from the church. Every service we get to use a truck to take boys to their camps. We take them to all parts of the island. And how a Christian, a new member, enjoys his first visit to the church—lonesome for Christian companionship, and then finding this. Praise God!

We have an address book for all the visitors to put their home addresses in. We have song books, and sometimes an organ to use. I am one of the song leaders. When the boys sing, the sound carries. One would think it is a choir, for the rocks bring out the sound. Four of us have organized a quartet and sing for the glory of God. Three of us are Pentecostal; so we know the same type of songs, "Give the World a Smile," "Have a Little Talk With Jesus," etc.

I guess this is all I know about it. . . . Give everyone my regards. I'll close, praying God's blessing upon you. Keep looking up. . . .

Church in
a Cave



Sunday School News

MRS. BERNICE MAST, District Sunday School Representative
Morgan Hill, California

Spiritual Progress

Are your Sunday School members making progress spiritually? Revivals, prayer services, personal work, decision services, and other evangelistic efforts have been the means through which God has brought many newborn babes into eternal life. We have rejoiced over them as they have been added to our number, but if we could see as, no doubt, God sees, I'm afraid we would be horrified at the sight. In unbelievable numbers these newborn babes have remained helpless infants; some have become spiritual cripples, while others have slipped from everlasting life, having been starved to death.

Why is this tragedy in our ranks? Because of our unconcern for them after they are saved. We do not feed and nurture and protect them as babes should be fed and protected. Babies must be fed the proper food for babies, and often very little, if any, provision is made in our churches to teach young Christians to walk, talk, and grow in the Lord.

Because the Sunday School is the church at study, surely, then, the Sunday School is in position to help correct this tragedy. Every teacher of every age should have a "Baby Class," wherein special effort is made for the newborn Christians of his or her class. This may be accomplished through personal contact or in a group by special appointment on an afternoon or evening during the week.

Help is needed along the following lines: encouragement in the personal prayer life, faith building through the reading of the Word, how to study the Bible consistently, assistance in witnessing for the Lord, the "do's" and "don'ts" of real Christian living, prayer for the baptism of the Holy Spirit, teaching concerning the value of being used by the Spirit, also the responsibility of receiving the Holy Spirit.

Mr. Lawrence makes a suggestion for a "Forward Step Day" in your Sunday School. A decision service will affect a certain number in your school, but a

Forward Step service should affect everyone. A special message or lesson is given, with special encouragement toward consecration and going on. Afterward each member of the class or school is given a pencil and piece of paper. Each one goes to prayer and with the help of the Lord, makes a forward step. It may concern one of many phases of living for God, such as being a better neighbor for Christ, offering a new talent to the Lord, being more obedient in the home, consecration for missionary work, etc.

These slips of paper are handed to the superintendent or the teacher of the class, and no one else sees them. Every teacher endeavors to assist and encourage the members of his or her class in the step they have taken.

We are an aggressive movement. Individually and collectively, we must grow! We must go on!

"As Little Children"

"It will always help me
To be kind and true,
If I ask in earnest
What would Jesus do?

"It is hard with patience
Minding what I'm bid?
Help me, Heavenly Father,
To do as Jesus did.

"When my heart is tempted
From the truth to stray,
Let me softly whisper,
'What would Jesus say?'

"So my work and playing
Happy hours shall fill,
Not as I would rather,
But as Jesus will." —Selected.

The Gospel According to You

You are writing each day a letter to men,
Take care that the writing is true,
'Tis the only gospel that some men will
read—
That "gospel according to you."
—Selected.

Boys and Girls

Greetings from the Southern Missouri camp meeting at the Lake of the Ozarks, in the name of our wonderful Jesus.

I do not need to tell you that I miss you and our own camp in St. Helena this year, and that I would like very much to have all of you to help me conduct the services here for the Missouri boys and girls.

The camp is practically on an island here, for more than two thirds of it is surrounded by water. They tell me that the Lake of the Ozarks is the largest artificial lake in the U. S. A. It is a beautiful sight, to be sure!

I have been quite interested in the birds here. Early in the morning, and also in the evening and through the night, one can hear many of them singing their praise and thanks to God. The bobwhites and the whippoorwills have the most distinct calls. Then there are the orioles and the redbirds which God has dressed so colorfully. I wish I knew all of the names of the others, but I haven't learned them yet. God is so good to encourage our hearts with such interesting creatures.

Of course you will want to know something about the boys and girls here. We have a fine group, full of pep and ambition, and with a love for our Jesus, like yourselves. They told me this morning about their experiences of salvation, healing, and with the Holy Spirit, even as you have experienced.

Maybe you would like to know what we are going to do tomorrow. Perhaps you would like to try it with your friends or Sunday School class at home. Of course you would have to change the location of the clues, but you can use the idea.

We are going to hunt for buried treasure; and this is how it is done. My assistant and I have written out nine clues on paper. The first one reads: "Find John 1:12, and bring me the first letter of the 15th word." No. 2 reads: "Find Eph. 5:14 and bring me the first letter of the 4th word." No. 3 reads: "Read 1 John 1:7, and bring me the first letter of the 13th word." No. 4 reads: "Find John 5:24, and bring me the first letter of the second word." No. 5 reads: "Find Rev. 22:20, and bring me the first letter of the 11th word of the verse." No. 6 reads: "Find 2 Tim. 3:1, and bring me the first letter of the 10th word of the

verse." No. 7 reads: "Find Rom. 5:8, and bring me the second letter of the 13th word." No. 8 reads: "Find Heb. 10:31, and bring me the first letter of the 11th word." No. 9 reads: "Find Matt. 5:13, and bring me the first letter of the 26th word in the verse."

Tonight while the boys and girls are asleep, or early in the morning, we will put one of these clues on the big rock in the vacant space in front of the tabernacle, another one in the hole in tree seven steps from the road. Another one we will tack to the pump house, another one we will tack to the ceiling of the porch on the office . . . and so on until all nine are placed.

Tomorrow at the close of the service, we will tell the boys and girls the general direction to go to look for the clues. When they have found all nine, the selected letters will spell the name of the greatest treasure. After they have found this information, then we give them a few suggestions as to how to find the buried treat. In this case, it is some tickets for a cold drink, free.

Now, my California boys and girls, if you have looked up the suggested references and counted up the correct letters, you have found what the real treasure is. Isn't it wonderful that it isn't buried or hidden? Jesus has offered it freely for us all.

God bless all of you and use you for His glory,

Praying for you,
Your Sister Mast.

C. B. A.

Canyonville Bible Academy, a Christian high school in Canyonville, Oregon, reports a victorious year of blessing and progress just concluded. The enrollment increased to nearly double that of the previous term with prospects for a much larger student body for the coming season beginning September 5. Students are enrolling in C. B. A. from all parts of the west, from Canada to San Diego.

A precious revival was recently enjoyed with evangelist Jennie O'Brien of San Francisco, and also with Hiram Brooks of Springfield, Mo. Many wonderful services of consecration and prayer brought an outpouring of the Holy Spirit and blessing to the fine group of young people, and the faculty as well.

A spacious new dormitory for boys

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New Students

The summer semester of Glad Tidings Bible Institute opened officially on July 1, classes beginning on July 5. We have new students from various parts of California, Oregon, Colorado, and Illinois.

Our new students are Aleen Babbitt and Ruby McPheeters from Hollister; Leola Hedges, San Diego; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ogilvie, Oakland; Mr. and Mrs. Allan Russell, Corning; Leahmon Henry, St. Helena; Helen Vidra, Laura Belle Lamb, Dorothea Mott, and Billie Lois Bangs, San Francisco; Loren Trippett, Jr. and John Boyle, Newberg, Oregon; Almer Olsen, Sweet Home, Oregon; Florence Coryell and Robert Petty, Richmond; Lois Wineberg and Viola Tacker, Vallejo; Edward Klinsky, Venice, Calif.; Phillip Parker, Modesto; James Kessler, Wood River, Illinois; John McCullough, Tulare; Joyce and Opal Erickson, Fairfield; David Slankard, Lakeport; Edna Nicolls, Oakdale; Robert Miller, Wray, Colorado; Aimee Nowlin, Grants Pass, Oregon; George Day, Jr., Selma.

Many of our other students have returned, but some are not coming back

until the fall semester which will begin November 1. The Senior class has 19 enrolled, only a portion of what we had last semester; the Junior class is made up of 31 students; and there are 28 Freshmen.

Brother Frank M. Boyd has taken over his duties as Dean of the Bible Institute and is well loved by all. We are praising the Lord that Brother Boyd has come to us to take the place of Brother Jones who is now on the field doing evangelistic work. Another new faculty member is Brother Jess Blakeley who is here until a permanent member can be found to take the position recently vacated by Brother Warwick.

We are looking for a mighty outpouring of the Spirit of the Lord in the student body. Already one of the freshman girls has received her baptism. Praise His name! Others are diligently seeking the face of the Lord and expecting real manifestations of His presence. Pray with us that we might come to "know the Lord, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable unto His death."

DOT.

He Took It Out

I knew Jesus, and He was very precious to my soul! but I found something in me that would not keep sweet and kind. I did what I could to keep it down, but it was there. I besought Jesus to do something for me, and when I gave Him my will, He came to my heart, and took out all that would not be sweet, all that would not be kind, all that would not be patient, and then He shut the door.—George Fox.

is being constructed, and plans are to have it ready for occupancy for the fall term. It will accommodate about 60 boys. The school has recently come into possession of a fine set of electric shop tools and equipment, and also a de luxe 50 watt sound system for various uses in the school and one on the campus.

Information concerning the school may be obtained by writing the school at Canyonville, Oregon.

I Was Allergic

Once I was allergic
To the gospel, for its news
Always brought to me conviction,
And I had such awful blues.

My head seemed near to bursting,
And my eyes were full of tears;
I took a spiritual fever,
And my heart was filled with fears.

But I called the Great Physician,
And He spoke peace to my soul.
Now my heart is filled with music,
And I am completely whole.

No more am I allergic
To the gospel, for its news
Has for me a different meaning,
And I'm cured of all my blues.

—Hazel Nicolls, Oakdale.

Influence

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something I need." Together they knelt about the dying embers and under the blue canopy of a starlight night in the Rocky Mountains, a soul was born into the kingdom of God.

I read an article in a well-known publication not long ago in which the story was told of a professed follower of Christ who lived inconsistently to such an extent that he became morally involved. He abandoned his wife and children and ran off with another woman. This produced such a shock in the life of his son that the son shut himself up against God and the things of God, miserable, sour, and wretched, and, so far as is known, forever hardened against the Lord Jesus Christ. Such is the power for evil of a wrong influence and example.

Your Influence

Now just as we have been influenced by the lives of others, so we are influencing other lives every day that we live. Christ imposed this obligation upon us: "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." The Christian bears an influence; whatever he says or does has its power of good or evil. The Christian is either Christianity's greatest friend or its worst foe. If he "says" and "does not" he reveals his hypocrisy and shuts up the kingdom of heaven against men. The genuine Christian commends Christianity to the world. He lets his light shine for Christ—a *pure* light, a *strong* light, and a *steady* light. There are those who question the validity of the rational and historical arguments for Christianity but there is one thing about which there can be no question and against which there can be no argument, namely, the "argument of a consistent and beautiful life" which exemplifies the beauty of the Lord Jesus Christ and His salvation. That, my friends, is unanswerable.

The Christian is the world's Bible. Their idea of Christ, of Christianity and of the church is determined pretty largely by what they see in the lives of professed Christians.

"You are writing a gospel,
A chapter each day,
By deeds that you do,
By words that you say.

Men read what you write,

Whether faithless or true.

Say! What is the gospel according to
YOU?"

We are not mere unrelated units of creation. We do not live unto ourselves, nor do we die unto ourselves. The world is different because we are here and are contributing our ever-so-little influence either for good or for ill. We are all centers of influence from which go forth energies that bless or curse those we contact. We are either making a positive contribution for good or our lives are sources of negative energies, tearing down those about us. Some people will be in heaven because our lives influenced them for good and for God and the things of God. Doubtless some will go to hell because they saw the gross inconsistencies in the lives of some of the professed followers of Jesus Christ. May God help us to live such consistent Christian lives that no one will stumble into perdition over our lives or through our wrong influence. You are influencing the lives of others every day that you live. God grant that it may be a godly influence, leading men to Jesus Christ.

Beware

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rarest joys of the Christian to later on become blessedly conscious that qualities of character long desired and often prayed for, have indeed appeared as a result of the indwelling Spirit of God—yet we hardly knew how or where."

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Wise Words from John Wesley

I have no time to be in a hurry.
God begins His work in children.

I dare no more fret than curse and swear.

God buries His workmen, but continues His work.

I save all I can and give all I can; that is all I have.

Loyalty (to rulers) is with me an essential branch of religion.

It is a happy thing if we can learn obedience by the things which we suffer.

When I devoted to God my ease, my time, my future, my life, I did not except my reputation.

Be punctual. Whenever I am to go to a place the first thing I do is to get ready; then what time remains is my own.

On the Fleshly Tablets of the Heart

The Korean not only memorizes Scripture; he puts it into practice. One day there came into one of the mission stations a sturdy Christian from the north. After the usual greetings, he was asked the purpose of his visit. His reply was: "I have been memorizing some verses in the Bible and have come to recite them to you." He lived a hundred miles away and had walked all that distance, traveling four nights—a long stroll to recite some verses of Scripture to his pastor, but he was listened to as he recited in Korean, without a verbal error, the entire Sermon on the Mount. He was told that if he simply memorized it it would be a feat of memory and nothing more; he must practice its teachings. His face lighted up with a smile as he promptly replied: "That is the way I learned it. I tried to memorize it, but it wouldn't stick, so I hit on this plan. I would memorize a verse, and then find a heathen neighbor of mine and practice the verse on him. Then I found it would stick."—James S. Gale.

My Prayer

I do not ask that I may steer
My bark by peaceful shores alone,
Nor that I linger, harbour-bound,
And sail no stormy seas unknown;
I only ask this boon of Thee:—
Be ever in the ship with me.

I do not ask that I may dwell
From din of battle far removed,
Nor ever feel temptation's force,
Nor ever know mine armour proved;
I only ask, through Life's long flight,
Grant me the power of Thy might.

I do not ask that I may walk,
Only on smoothly trodden grass,
Nor ever climb the mountain's height
And, trembling, through its dangers
pass;
I only ask, on rock or sand,
The sure upholding of Thy hand.

I dare not pray for any gift
Upon my pilgrim path to heaven;
I only ask one thing of Thee:—
Give Thou Thyself and all is given.
I am not strong nor brave nor wise;
Be Thou with me—it shall suffice.

—Selected.

Praying Is Fighting

S. D. GORDON

The whole purpose of prayer is this—it is insisting that the Lord Jesus' victory shall come where you prayerfully claim it. He has taken this world. He has taken this world. We are to take possession in His name; it is insisting that His will shall be done in any life where you are concerned. "Thy kingdom come," means the other kingdom go; "Thy will be done," means the other "will" be undone!—Victory in this man's life, I take this man here for the Lord Jesus Christ and away from the power of the evil one; Thy will in this man, and in this church, and in this problem, in this class in the Sunday School, these boys, and in this Mission field! That is the real force of prayer. It is taking the blood-red banner of Jesus Christ and standing on the enemy's territory, and saying, "I take this in my Victor's name."

The evil one will fight. He has power to fight. He will object. He has great objecting power, he is very subtle, he is very sly and cunning, he won't go until he must; therefore prayer must be persisted in. He won't go except from the spot that you claim—therefore prayer must be definite. You will have to pray and pray persistently and go again seven times, and sometimes seventy-times-seven, always to pray and not to faint; but not one thing that you ask for shall be withheld, although you will never know a tenth part of the result until the night is gone, and the morning breaks, and the shadows flee away.

—*Elim Pentecostal Herald.*

*Bend me, Lord, or break me!
For two years Evan Roberts made this
plea.*

*God bent him to the divine will, and
the Welsh revival swept multitudes into
the kingdom.*

*Any life, thus God-bent, is a divine
instrument.*

*If you would be a channel for grace's
onrushing flow, let God bend you.*

*Submit yourself to the twisting of His
will.*

*Let your career be the devious course
Providence shall shape.*

*Whom God cannot bend, He always
breaks.—B.W.M.*

The Good Samaritan

One day as I journeyed
Down life's dreary way
The evil one waited
My progress to stay.

He took my possessions
And cast me aside
Heart broken and bleeding
Alone to abide.

But as I lay weeping
A stranger drew near,
His touch was so gentle,
His words were so dear.

He drew me so gently,
This stranger so kind
Bound my wounds, bathed with oil
And cleansed with his wine.

While love's strong warm binding
Gave warmth to my soul,
To me this good stranger
A sweet story told.

He told me he loved me,
And would to the end;
To me through life's journey
His blessings would send.

He said, "I'll come take you
Some day to my home
Where there's joy and gladness,
And sorrow's unknown."
—Nola Christy, Stockton.

I Am Convinced—

that nothing in the whole Christian religion is so rarely attained as a praying heart.

Without this you are as weak as weakness itself. With it you are irresistible. This, by some, would be thought a strange remark, and to savor strongly of fanaticism. But I tell you the church will have to get a new lesson on the subject of prayer. Frequent seasons of secret prayer, in my own mind, are wholly indispensable to keeping up an intercourse with God. Let me say again and again, if you lose your spirit of prayer, you will do nothing, or next to nothing, though you have the intellectual endowment of an angel. I cannot contemplate a more loathsome and abominable object than an earthly-minded minister. The blessed Lord deliver and preserve his dear church from the guidance and influence of men who know not how to pray.—*Chas. Finney.*

ON THE AIR

KSAN, San Francisco, 1450 kc. Sunday, 9:00-9:30 a.m., and 10:30-11:00 p.m.
Glad Tidings Temple, San Francisco
Pastor L. R. Keys.

KLS, Oakland, 1310 kc. 4:30-5:00 p.m. Sunday
Richmond Full Gospel Assembly Hour
Pastor C. E. Persing

KLS, Oakland, 5:00 to 5:30 p.m., Sunday
Hull Harmonizers

KLX, Oakland, 910 kc.
"The Voice of Faith" by J. C. Nelson
Every Sunday, 12:30-1:00 p.m.

KROW, Oakland, 12:00 noon Sunday
Temple Church program
Pastor E. Wm. Anderson

KROW, Oakland, 960 kc.
5:30 Sundays
"Rock of Ages" program under direction of
Pastor O. L. Foth
Tabernacle of God, Oakland.

KGDM, Stockton, 1140 kc.
Sunday 8:30 to 9:00 a.m.
"The Gospel Broadcasters"
Pastor Stanley P. McPherson, Lodi

KFQD, Anchorage, Alaska
"The Gospel Harvesters" by transcription,
Tuesday 4:15 p.m. under direction of
Pastor Stanley P. McPherson, Lodi

KWG, Stockton, 1230 kc.,
Sunday, 11:30 to 12:00 noon
Friday, 10 p.m.
Calvary Tabernacle program direct from
tabernacle in Stockton.
Pastor E. O. Robeck

KWG, Stockton, 1230 kc.
"The Voice of the Cross" directed by Pastor
and Mrs. V. L. Klemin, Manteca, Calif.
Saturday, 10:15 a.m.

KTRB, Modesto, 9:00 a.m. Tuesday
"Glad Tidings Hour" with Pastor A. B.
League of Escalon.

KTRB, Modesto, 9:00 a.m. Thursday, and 4:15
p.m. Sunday
Pastor H. T. Langley of Modesto Assembly
of God Church.

KTRB, Modesto, 9:00 a.m. Saturday
Pastor D. G. Weston of Bethel Church, of
Modesto.

KFBK, Sacramento
Saturday, 8:45 to 9:00 p.m.
"Radio Pastor"—Luther G. Baker, Sr.

KSRO, Santa Rosa, 1350 kc.
9:00 p.m. Wednesday
"Calvary's Messengers" under direction of
Pastor M. P. Bohner of Assembly of God
Gospel Tabernacle, Santa Rosa.

KMYC, Yuba City, 1450 kc.
Sunday evening service, 9:15 to 9:50
Pastor C. E. Lebeck of Yuba City Calvary
Tabernacle.

KOH, Reno, Nevada
9:15 to 9:45 a.m. Sunday
"Glad Tidings"
Pastor and Mrs. Wm. Savidge

He put His prophets in moral deserts
that their messages might be God-im-
pelled.

We often go wrong by debating
with God instead of waiting on God.

Texts of Famous Men

"All that the Father giveth Me shall come to Me; and him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37). From these words John Bunyan preached to the multitudes.

"Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 3:24). It is said that this text saved William Cowper from suicide.

"For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, The just shall live by faith" (Rom. 1:17). These words made Martin Luther the hero of the Reformation.

"And when Jesus saw that he answered discreetly, He said unto him, Thou art not far from the kingdom of God" (Mark 12:34). This is the text that comforted John Wesley when his soul was troubled.

"Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." (Matt. 28:19, 20). This text made David Livingstone a missionary.

"And this is life eternal, that they might know Thee the only true God and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent" (John 17:3). This was an anchor to the soul of John Knox.

"Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes." (Isa. 54:2). This gave William Carey a world-wide vision.

"For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith" (I. John 5:4). These words made William Penn a conqueror.

"For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed; for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day." (II. Tim. 1:12).

A. T. Pierson

The greatest of all the revelations about the future condition of the saints is that they are to be identified with Jesus Christ in His reign—that is, those who "overcome." Not all saints are to be elevated to this position. "This is for victorious saints.

LOOKING UNTO JESUS

I don't look back; God knows the fruitless efforts, The wasted hours; the sinning, the regrets; I leave them all with Him who blots the record. And mercifully forgives, and then forgets.

I don't look forward; God sees all the future, The road that, short or long, will lead me home, And He will face with me its every trial And bear for me the burdens that may come.

But I look up—into the face of Jesus, For there my heart can rest, my fears are stilled; And there is joy and love, and light for darkness, And perfect peace and every hope fulfilled.

—Annie Johnson Flint.

Possibilities

Longfellow could take a worthless sheet of paper, write a poem on it, and make it worth \$6,000. That is genius.

Rockefeller can sign his name to a piece of paper and make it worth millions. That is capital.

Uncle Sam can take gold, stamp an eagle on it, and make it worth \$20. That is money.

A mechanic can take material worth \$5 and make an article worth \$50. That is skill.

God can take a worthless sinful life, wash it in the blood of Christ, put his Spirit in it, and make it a blessing to humanity. That is salvation.

First Things First

When he gets up at four o'clock to deliver papers, they call him a go-getter.

If the church work would require getting up at four, they would say, "That's expecting too much."

If she spends eight hours away from home for the cannery or the bean patch, they call her an enterprising housewife.

If she did the same for her church, they'd say, "Religion has gone to her head."

If we tie ourselves down with \$30 a month for the pleasure of a car, we know we must pay, and we pay.

But if we were to walk instead and pledge the \$30 to the work of God, people would call us crazy.

This is a crazy world, where first things come last and last things come first.—Selected.

You can't be too little for God to use you but you can be too big

D-Day Religion

"When a nation, as a whole," says David Lawrence, "turns toward the spiritual, something of transcendent significance has occurred." And that is what happened on D-Day. "There was a distinct difference in the mood of the American people as between Monday and Tuesday (June 5 and 6). On Monday the nation went about its affairs as usual. On Tuesday there was tension, anxiety, worry; and at night an extraordinary thing happened—the President of the United States led the people in prayer, communicating it to tens of millions by means of the radio networks. Back of that signal change of mood within 24 hours is the key to the future behavior of nations, the future steps that must be taken if the next war is to be prevented. For in that single day the nation recognized the importance of spiritual help."

For the religious awakening that was apparent on D-Day we should fervently thank God. However, D-Day religion is not enough. D-Day religion must become everyday religion if we as a nation are going to be worthy of the victory and peace for which we are praying.

Sorrow Without Softening

Take care that you do not waste your sorrow: lest loneliness, or similar afflictions that come into your daily life, mar you instead of mending you. See that they send you nearer to God and not that they drive you farther from Him. There is no failure of life so terrible as to have the pain without the lesson, the sorrow without the softening.

—Dr. Hugh Black.